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### PSC GRANTS UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY APPLICATION

Jefferson City (February 6, 2002)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has granted an application filed by Union Electric Company (d/b/a AmerenUE) which authorizes Union Electric to construct, own and operate a transmission line in Jefferson, St. Francois and Ste. Genevieve Counties.

According to the Company's application, the proposed 345 Kilo-Volt (kV) transmission line will be built between AmerenUE's Rush Island Power Plant in Jefferson County and its St. Francois Substation in St. Francois County. The proposed line will run parallel to an existing 345 kV transmission line known as Rush Island-St. Francois 1. Union Electric stated that higher energy demand is causing an overloading of the existing line, and power flow on the existing line sometimes exceeds equipment ratings. In addition, an outage on the existing line would cause other lines to exceed their equipment ratings, possibly leading to outages or the need to use more expensive generation. Union Electric stated that building the proposed line is the most efficient way to relieve these overloading conditions. According to the application, the proposed line is scheduled to be placed in service in the spring of 2003.

The PSC Staff filed its recommendations on January 29, 2002. Staff agreed with Union Electric that the existing line is overloaded many times during the year, and that loss of the existing line could impose significant constraints in delivering power. Staff recommended the application be approved noting that the proposed transmission line is necessary for Union Electric to be able to continue to provide reliable service to its customers.

The Commission stated in its order approving the application: "The Commission finds it is necessary and convenient for the public interest for Union Electric to construct and operate the transmission line as described in the application, and so will grant a certificate of convenience and necessity."

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